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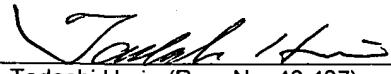
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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), Applicants hereby cite the following references:

U.S. DOCUMENT NUMBER <small>Number-Kind Code (if known)</small>	DATE	NAME
2002/0116575 A1	08/22/2002	Toyomura et al.

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Applicants are enclosing Form PTO-1449 (one sheet), along with a copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2). References A2 and A4-A9 were cited in an International Search Report for PCT/JP03/07136, from which the present application has been nationalized. A copy of the Search Report is also attached to this Statement. These references are in Japanese. For references A2 and A5, Applicants are disclosing EP1061701A1 and US2002/0116575A1, respectively, which are the EP and US counterparts of the references. For each of references A4 and A6-A9, Applicants are submitting an English abstract thereof.

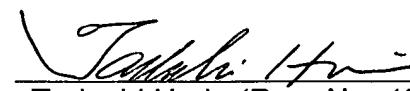
Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's consideration of the above references and entry thereof into the record of this application.

By submitting this Statement, Applicants are attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 C.F.R. §1.56. As such, this Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any of the enclosed references, or other information referred to therein, constitutes "prior art" or is otherwise "material to patentability," as that phrase is defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a).

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